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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the "Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application " mailed 14 June, 2004, a copy of which is enclosed. The Notice stated that Page 1 of the specification appears to have been omitted from the application. However, the pages were all misnumbered and there was no page 1 to the application. This can be determined as "Page 2" begins with a title and then proceeds to the Background of the Invention. Further, the postcard sent with the applications states that the specification is 23 pages (pages 2-24). A copy of the postcard is submitted herewith.

Further submitted herewith is a substitute specification in which the pages have been renumbered. No new language has been added.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 14-0455 in the amount of \$130.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required at any time during the prosecution of this application without specific authorization, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0455. A <u>duplicate</u> copy of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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## **First Named Inventor** Leblanc et al. **FORM** Group Art Unit 1615 (to be used for all **Examiner Name** Unknown correspondence after initial filing) **Total Number of Pages** Attorney Docket Number 2022D.PC In This Submission: 26 ENCLOSURES (check all that apply) ☐ Fee Transmittal Form ☐ Assignment Papers ☐ After Allowance Communication ☐ Fee Attached (for an Application) to Group ☐ Amendment / Reply □ Drawing(s) □ Appeal Communication to After Final □ Licensing-related Papers Board of Appeals and Interferences ☐ Affidavits/declarations(s) □ Appeal Communication to □ Petition ☐ Extension of Time Request Group (Appeal, Notice, Brief, Reply ☐ Petition to Convert to a ☐ Express Abandonment Request Brief) Provisional Application ☐ Proprietary Information ☐ Information Disclosure Statement ☐ Power of Attorney, Revocation □ Status Letter ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Doc(s) Change of Correspondence ☐Response to Missing Address Parts/Incomplete Application □ Terminal Disclaimer identify below): Response to Missing Parts □ Request for Refund Postcard Receipt Under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 □ CD, Number of CD(s) Copy of Notice of Omitted Items in NonProvisional Application Substitute Specification with Renumbered Pages Remarks SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT Firm Karen G. Kaiser, Reg. No. 33,506 Individual Name -Signature – Date -**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this date: 7/9/04

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. A filing date has been accorded to the above-identified nonprovisional application papers; however, the following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

Page(s) 1 of the specification (description and claims).

I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h))) with evidence of such deposit must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if is determined that the item(s) was received by the USPTO.

II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the USPTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)) requesting the later filing date must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice.

Applicant is advised that generally the filing fee required for an application is the filing fee in effect on the filing date accorded the application and that payment of the requisite basic filing fee on a date later than the filing date of the application requires payment of a surcharge (37 CFR 1.16(e)). To avoid processing delays and payment of a surcharge, applicant should submit any balance due for the requisite filing fee based on the later filing date being requested when submitting the omitted items(s) and the petition (and petition fee) requesting the later filing date.

III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the USPTO. THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR
1.136(a) or (b). In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the USPTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the USPTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any omitted drawing(s), relabel the drawing figures to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the application as deposited in the USPTO. THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR

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references in the specification to the drawing figures to correspond with any relabeled drawing figures, is required. A copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink should accompany with any drawing changes. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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